Region/State/UT	Energy Requirement (MU)
Arunachal Pradesh	199
Assam	4264
Manipur	426
Meghalaya	454
Mizoram	193
Nagaland	200
Tripura	432
TOTAL (NER)	6169
A & N Islands	140
Lakshadweep	17
ALL INDIA	416274

Adequate Publicity to Madhya Pradesh in Overseas Publicity Campaign

212. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Madhya Pradesh Government has requested the Union Government to provide adequate publicity to different tourist destinations in the State in its overseas publicity campaign.

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard; and

(c) what other incentives are proposed to be given so as to increase the arrival of foreign tourists in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Department of Tourism, Government of India provides adequate publicity to different tourist destinations in the State of Madhya Pradesh as part of its overseas publicity campaign. During the year 1995-96 a sum of Rs. 5 lakhs has been prioritised for publicity support in consultation with the State Government. Publicity material on different places of tourist interest in Madhya Pradesh has been preparded and sent to the overseas offices of the Department of Tourism for dissemination.

(c) The Department of Tourism has taken many initiatives for increasing the arrival of foreign tourists to destinations in India, including in Madhya Pradesh. These include campaigns to attract more investment in tourism sector, and conversion of old buildings into heritage hotels, and the Development of tourist infrastructure.

Plan to check Tax Evaders

213. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take stern action against tax evaders;

(b) if so, whether Government have chalked out any concrete plants to check tax evaders in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY: (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government's declared policy is to take stern action against any tax evaders as per provisions of law. Since combating tax evasion is a continuous exercise, the Government takes various steps like search & seizure, survey and prosecution to deter tax evaders.